

Weather Forecast
Some cloudiness, continued warm this afternoon, tonight and tomorrow.
Temperatures today—High, 95, at 1:15 p.m.; low, 77, at 5:25 a.m. Yesterday—High, 97, at 2:05 p.m.; low, 71, at 6 a.m.

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B-29s Step Up Blows at Japs; New Base Won

8th Oil Plant Raided; Yanks Seize Island of Kume for Airstrips

By the Associated Press.

GUAM, June 30.—A midnight B-29 attack on Japan's fourth largest oil refining plant was announced today as a fleet communique disclosed American acquisition without bloodshed of an island offering airstrip sites 50 miles west of Okinawa.

Raiding the enemy homeland for the second time in one day, 50 Super Forts bombed the Kudamatsu oil refining plant, on the Inland Sea coast of Southwest Honshu, with high explosives.

This attack extended to the eighth rich target the B-29 knock-out campaign against Japanese oil installations which already has destroyed a large percentage of the enemy's facilities for producing the vital fuel.

No Jap Troops Encountered.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's communique said Kume Island, 50 miles west of Okinawa and within 300 miles of Formosa and 370 miles from Kyushu, was taken by American patrols which covered the whole island without encountering any Japanese troops. The Tokyo radio had claimed "heavy fighting" was in progress there when it reported American landings last Tuesday.

(The Tokyo radio today said several American destroyers and minesweepers made a coastal reconnaissance of Okinawa Island, 40 miles west of Okinawa and about 275 miles south of Kyushu, southwestmost Japanese home island.)

Another Tokyo broadcast yesterday said B-29s raided the southwest area of Hokkaido Island and one was damaged by interceptors.

Wide Destruction to Plants.

The 21st Bomber Command, announcing the Kudamatsu raid, disclosed that since the big bombers began hitting oil installations on Japan May 10 they have caused the following destruction:

Koriyama chemical plant, 73 per cent destroyed; Hodasha chemical plant at Koriyama, 59 per cent; Otake oil refinery, 45 per cent; Tokuyama naval oil storage and Tokuyama synthetic fuel plant, all oil storage tanks knocked out, 50 per cent of plants' roof area destroyed and 32 per cent of the by-product storage tanks wiped out; Oshima naval oil storage facilities at Tokuyama, 70 per cent of the storage tanks and 90 per cent of the buildings destroyed.

Photo reconnaissance assessment of the damage done the Utsube River oil refinery near Yatsushiro, which started such big fires there, showed the Kudamatsu strike was the fourth B-29 raid on Japan in a week.

Search Planes Also Active.

Fleet search planes, which already have sunk or damaged approximately 290,000 tons of enemy shipping in enemy home waters, also were active yesterday. They sank a small cargo ship south of Honshu, and hit warehouses and railroad tunnels at Katsura Harbor, southeast of Tokyo, fleet headquarters said in today's communique.

In Manila, Gen. MacArthur today reported that "blockading patrol planes" dealt blows to the enemy at Canton, destroyed or damaged railroad bridges, transportation equipment and other installations in the Indo China-Hainan sector and set a freighter afire in the Chu River of Malaya.

Other planes made the "milk run" to Formosa, sinking a medium freighter-transport, destroying eight luggers and leaving a minelayer dead in the water. On Formosa, barracks at Tainan were destroyed.

Three additional men from the District of Columbia were reported killed in this war. See "On the Honor Roll," Page A-2.

(See PACIFIC, Page A-2.)

House Probe of UNRRA Is Asked by Dirksen

By the Associated Press.

Representative Dirksen, Republican, of Illinois today introduced a resolution to create a five-man House committee to investigate the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

"Congress appropriated \$450,000,000 of an authorized \$1,350,000,000 for this activity and before other funds are appropriated it is to take a good look at this agency," Mr. Dirksen said in a statement.

"Some very capable top-flight men have quit UNRRA in sheer disgust. Considering its objectives, UNRRA if badly administered can earn for us a large measure of ill-will and contempt which would require years to offset."

Four New Cabinet Members Take Oaths of Office Today

Anderson, Schwollenbach, Hannegan And Clark Joining Official Family

By the Associated Press.

Soon to be joined by a fifth, four new cabinet officers named by President Truman arranged today to take their oaths of office.

Representative Clinton P. Anderson, Democrat, of New Mexico becomes Secretary of Agriculture; Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark of Texas, Attorney General; Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwollenbach of Washington State, Secretary of Labor; and Robert E. Hannegan of Missouri, Postmaster General.

The new Secretary of State to succeed Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., will be nominated by the President Monday or Tuesday. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina, former war mobilization director, Supreme Court justice and Senator, is in the forefront of speculation for this portfolio.

Rutledge to Swear in Anderson.

Mr. Anderson, who succeeds Claude Wickard, will be sworn at 4 p.m. by Associate Justice Rutledge of the Supreme Court. Justice Rutledge once taught school in Mr. Anderson's home town of Albuquerque.

Justice Rutledge administered the oath at noon to Mr. Hannegan, the successor to Frank Walker, in the Post Office Department. Judge Thurman Arnold of the Court of Appeals, a former Assistant Attorney General, will swear in Mr. Clark at 2:30 p.m. at the Justice Department. He succeeds Francis Biddle.

Judge Schwollenbach took the oath at noon from Federal Judge Sherman Minton, former Indiana Senator, as the successor to Miss Frances Perkins.

Other Changes Rumored.

The reshuffled cabinet, which may get more new blood if rumored changes in the War, Treasury and Interior portfolios are made, will represent both a geographical shift and a decentralization of some of the authority exercised by the late President Roosevelt.

Five of the 10-man cabinet hall from west of the Mississippi River. These include the four named by Mr. Truman and one of the Roosevelt holdovers, Secretary of Commerce Wallace, whose home is in Iowa.

Met of President Roosevelt's cabinet came from the East and Midwest. At one time five cabinet members were New Yorkers.

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Foes of FEPC Agree to Drop Filibuster

Southerners Think They Have Votes To Block Funds

BULLETIN.

Southern Democrats dropped their filibuster against the Fair Employment Practice Committee today. The Southern group expressed belief they had enough votes to prevent attachment of the FEPC amendment to the civilian war agencies appropriation bill.

Following a conference of Southern Democrats today, there were reliable indications that the filibuster against continuing the Fair Employment Practice Committee may be dropped this afternoon.

Senator Bilbo, Democrat, of Mississippi, who began the fight against giving the FEPC any money, today reported there still has been no compromise.

From other sources, however, it was learned that, even without any compromise or length of the extension, the bill would be permitted on the issue.

Test on Rule Suspension.

The first test would come on a motion to suspend the rules, which is necessary before any funds for the agency can be voted on. It requires two-thirds of those present to suspend the rules, and it was not certain whether the opponents had lined up more than one-third to block it.

Senator Bilbo ridiculed the suggestion that FEPC be given \$250,000 for the new fiscal year which begins tomorrow, instead of its present \$446,200 operating fund. He and many other Southerners want to kill the agency outright. To that end they have filibustered three days and resume their talkathon today.

Senator Bilbo said at people who call the filibuster a filibuster. Senator Johnston, Democrat, of South Carolina made arrangements to gain recognition first thing today to carry on the speechifying.

Meanwhile, Senator Taft termed the FEPC preceding another illustration of the fact that Democratic leadership has failed to support legislation beneficial to the Negroes, despite pretense to the contrary.

"The Negroes," Senator Taft said in a statement, "will begin to realize that their best hope is in their historic friend, the Republican party." He contended the Democratic leadership "has actually been aiding the Southern Democrats' filibuster against FEPC."

Eastland Carries On.

Senator Eastland, Democrat, of Mississippi, carrying on the filibuster late yesterday, injected into the long discussion an assertion that Negroes are "an utter and abysmal failure."

Failing his arms, the Mississippi plan declared "high-ranking generals" had told him on a recent European trip that the Negro troops would neither work nor fight.

In Normandy, he shouted, they criminally assaulted members of the families of French farmers. "And we asked here," he said, "to set up an unfair preference against a white soldier solely because the Negro minority sells its vote to the highest bidder in a political campaign. If it weren't for political considerations, this measure wouldn't get 10 votes in the Senate."

Half-dozens Filled.

Only a half-dozens Senators were on the floor as Senator Eastland spoke, but the galleries were filled with visitors who had turned out in a frolicsome mood to see how a filibuster works.

Senator Eastland said the 92d (Negro) Division, the best training and best equipped, it also had Negro officers whom the general (See FEPC, Page A-2.)

RFC Official, Pilot Hurt in Airport Crash

A Reconstruction Finance Corp. official and a woman pilot, also employed by RFC, were injured when their single-engine plane crashed on a take-off from National Airport shortly after 8 a.m. today.

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44-Hour Work Week Urged by Civil Service And Budget Officials

Favor Reduction for All Except Army, Navy and Veterans' Administration

By JOSEPH YOUNG.

Civil Service Commission and Budget Bureau officials have decided to recommend to President Truman that the 48-hour Federal work week be reduced to 44 hours in all agencies except the War and Navy Departments and the Veterans' Administration, it was learned today.

The recommendations, agreed on yesterday at a meeting attended by top Government officials, will be presented to Mr. Truman on his return here this week end.

Mr. Truman will be instructed to take steps immediately to cut hours where it can be done without hampering the war effort. Army and Navy officials have complained to Budget Bureau officials that a blanket reduction to 44 hours would be a handicap.

The Office of Price Administration and the Treasury Department also have objected to the cut in hours, but the protests were overruled.

Mr. Truman is not expected to take action on the proposals until early next week. Government agency heads had hoped that the reduction in hours could coincide with the July 1 effective date of the pay raise legislation in order to make the huge bookkeeping job less complicated.

It is expected that the reduced work week would result in Saturday afternoons off for Government workers. Advocates of the shorter week have charged that "little or no work" is done in Federal agencies on Saturday afternoons.

Representative Ross, Republican of Kansas said today that if the reduced work week is not ordered by next week he would seek such an economy move by legislative action. The Senate fight for the reduced work week is led by Senator Byrd, Democrat, of Virginia.

Sweltering Week End Indicated for D. C.

(Picture on Page A-10.)

Washington faces the prospect of a sweltering week end, with the temperature expected to stay in the middle 90s, the Weather Bureau said today.

Earlier, the District forecaster had promised relief from the heat in the form of thundershowers tonight. Later, however, it was announced that rain was only a "very remote" possibility.

The temperature reached a low of 77 degrees at 5:30 a.m. today, but by noon the mercury had soared to 91. The official forecast is for continued "hot and humid" weather.

Between noon and 1 p.m. the temperature jumped four degrees to 95. The season's high mark of 97 degrees at 2:05 p.m. yesterday left two heat exhaustion victims still in hospitals today.

The two heat victims were On Moy, a 63-year-old Chinese, of 3856